

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-36 remain pending. Claims 1-13 and 15-36 have been rejected. Claim 14 is objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in an independent form. Applicant thanks with appreciation the Examiner for the allowance of claim 14.

In this response, claims 14 and 20-36 been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-2, 4, 6, 8-11, 16, and 18 have been amended. In addition, new claims 37-50 have been added. Thus, claims 1-13, 15-19, and 37-50 remain pending. No new matter has been added.

Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include all limitations of the objected to claim 14. Thus, claim 1 is allowable. The rest of the amended claims are miscellaneous amended to be in a better form. Newly added claims 37-49 are computer-readable storage medium claims corresponding to the method claims 1-13 as amended. Claim 50 is a system claim corresponding to the method claim 1 as amended. The rest of the claims depend from one of the independent claims 1 and 37. Therefore, all claims are allowable.

Claims 1-34 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/806,604 (“the ‘604 application”). A terminal disclaimer has been submitted herein to overcome the double patenting rejection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

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